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Warm-Up Activity: You Decide...

Directions:

- Read each statement.
- Decide if you think the scenario is fair or unfair (circle one)
- Explain why or why not.

1. The mayor of your city has decided that his eldest son will be the next mayor and that there will no longer be elections each year.

*I believe this is fair/unfair because*_____

2. Some very wealthy businesspeople decide that everyone in your town must give them \$100 every month so that they can continue to have parties and entertainment every night.

*I believe this is fair/unfair because*_____

3. A small group of city councilors (government officials) pass a law that if you cannot pay your debts, then you have to work for someone who can pay your debts for the rest of your life.

*I believe this is fair/unfair because*_____

4. The head of the police department decides he wants to be the mayor, so he puts the current mayor in jail. When people try to speak out against him or criticize him, he uses the police to put them in jail, too.

*I believe this is fair/unfair because*_____

5. A new law has been proposed, but before it is voted on, citizens can come to talk and give their opinion on the new law and then vote on whether or not it should be passed.

*I believe this is fair/unfair because*_____

Bonus Challenge:

Which of these situations are the most or least fair? Why? What might make them more fair?

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